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Applicant : Astrid VRANG et al.  
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Title : IMPROVED FERMENTATION METHOD FOR PRODUCTION  
OF HETEROLOGOUS GENE PRODUCTS IN LACTIC ACID  
BACTERIA  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Applicants respectfully petition for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the non-final Office Action mailed October 12, 2005 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including April 12, 2006. A check in the amount of \$510.00, based on Assignee's small entity status, is attached to cover the three (3) month extension of time fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). No additional fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206**.

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Responsive to the Office Action of October 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth below.

**The Listing of the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.

**A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132** is included

**The Curriculum Vitae of Dr. Søren Michael Madsen** is included.